

**Ad Valorem and Dedicated Special Review Committee**

- First meeting is scheduled for 7/22
- The CAO was asked to present on the following:
  - *Discussion of City's "Fair Share" Initiative and the Resulting Infrastructure Prioritization*
  - Presenters will include: CAO, Ramsey, Deb, and a SWBNO representative
- Background on the request to present
  - The Council recently created a taskforce made up of all seven councilmembers to review tax dedications and millages going to entities within the city
  - CM Moreno feels that it may be time to push for some rededications
  - Thus she requested a presentation to include estimates on what is necessary long term and annually to meet demands for: street repairs and preventative maintenance, drainage, and SWB

**2020 Quadrennial Assessment**

- Property Owners will be notified of any changes in their assessment values when the Assessor opens his rolls from July 15<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Property Owners have until the end of August to appeal their assessment
- The City Council will conduct property tax appeal hearings the last 2 weeks of September
  - The increases in assessed property values by the assessor will likely equate to a higher appeal volume for City Council to review
- On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Assessor will certify the Orleans Parish Tax Rolls
  - City Council must certify the rolls on or before October 20<sup>th</sup>
- After the assessor closes his books, City Council is able to adjust property tax bills by either "rolling-back" or "rolling-forward":
- Roll-back
  - Roll-back means that as the assessed value of property goes up, the overall millage rate applied decreases
  - This will result in the City receiving the exact same amount of property tax dollars received in 2018 (\$134.8M). Typically this results in small decreases in property taxes for residents
- City Council also has the option to roll-forward
  - This would allow the City to collect the current millage rate on the newly assessed property values, resulting in an increase in tax dollars to the City
  - In order to roll-forward, City Council must approve the measure by a two-thirds majority vote
  - Rolling forward would bring an additional amount of property tax revenue to the City
- The prior administration used one-time funding to pay for police raises and assumed the roll-forward would cover the increases moving forward

**7/30 Budget Committee**

- The Budget Chair has requested the CAO present on the following:
  - "Proposed uses of the roll-forward dividend"
  - NOPD Budget (CAO staff will present with NOPD staff)
- CAO will recommend that the Council approve the roll-forward

**2020 Bond Sale (and Rating Agencies)**

- Meetings with the bond rating agencies have been postponed for 2-3 weeks (due to Hurricane Barry and the delay of the 2018 audit submission)
- Finance is compiling the final responses (from the departments) for the 3 rating agencies (Moody's, Fitch and S&P)
- The team huddled this week to talk about the sequence of approvals and deadlines necessary to proceed with the bond sale and other matters to come before the Board of Liquidation
- The next BOLCD next meeting is scheduled for August 21. However, this need to be earlier (either August 14 or August 20) – so we can keep on the State Bond Commission September meeting date (August 20)
- David Gernhauser is in the process of polling the BOLCD members to make sure we can get a quorum on one of these dates

**STR Enforcement, Fees and New Proposed Regulations**

- A meeting is scheduled for next week with IGR, Mayor's Office, CAO, and S&P to discuss further
- CAO has identified that a full picture analysis of the budgetary impact is required before any final decisions/recommendations can be made on allocating funding
- The CAO's office is working to understand the comprehensive fiscal implications on revenue of the proposed regulations, including financial analysis/fiscal note on any final STR approved regulations
- The CAO is working with S&P and other departments (involved with enforcement) to understand what resources they require for implementation (due to the proposed regulations).

**2018 City's Financial Audit**

- The city will be submitting the 2018 audit report late (the audit was due on July 1<sup>st</sup>)
- The LA Legislative Audit approved the request for extension (on July 15<sup>th</sup>)
- The City is expected to submit no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>

**2019 Mid-year Budget Adjustments**

- The CAO is evaluating the timeline for requesting mid-year budget adjustments (pending other budget related issues at this time)
- The 2018 final audit numbers will be considered and evaluated to fund these adjustments
- Anticipated potential mid-year adjustments may occur in the following Departments:
  - NORDC (approx. \$550K)
  - OPD (\$400K)
  - Clerk of Criminal District Court (\$400K)
  - CAO: EMD Personnel (\$500K); EMD/Police vehicles (\$400K); Internal Audit: \$300K
  - DA (\$300K)
  - Voter Registrar (\$26K)
  - Sheriff (watch list)
  - Council on Aging (watch list)

**REC**

- The next Revenue Estimating Conference is being planned for early August
- The Mayor is available on August 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm or 3:30pm OR August 7<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm
- A calendar invite will be disseminated on next week once confirmed by REC all members

**2020 Operating Budget Timetable**

- The Budget Team continues to work with departments to submit their budget offers; final revised offers are due (from departments to the Budget Office) in early August
- This week, trainings on the budget prep systems have been conducted; note that Budget Prep is the current budget system used in the City
- The training provides an departments with an overview on the following:
  - System access, annual set-up, entering data, and reporting

**Zero Base Budgeting**

- KPMG provided a draft of their suggested ZBB process (for the City to use with departments) and CAO staff have begun developing specific budget documents for the pilot departments
- CAO staff have scheduled meetings next week with departments to socialize the ZBB budget calendar and set expectations for how they will begin building their budget requests for 2020
- The core elements of this effort include:
  - Finalizing the services that each department provides so that we can begin to match up financial costs and service delivery, which was not possible in many cases previously
  - Assigning performance metrics to each service so that there are service targets that they can use to build their budget offers
  - Helping departments develop models for each service that allow us to understand how increasing or decreasing a particular service target will impact spending

**Economic Development Director Interviews**

- The CAO met with Jeffrey Schwartz on yesterday (top candidate)
- Jeff is a local candidate and understands the complexities of New Orleans; understands the foundations of the generational economic develop plan; also has strong project management skills
- The CAO recommends hiring Jeffrey Schwartz

**Results NOLA**

- CAO staff is relaunching the ResultsNOLA website ([results.nola.gov](https://results.nola.gov)), which provides a one-stop shop for often-requested departmental data points
- The purpose is to provide the Mayor's staff with commonly requested data to respond to questions from the media, include in talking points and speeches, etc. while minimizing the strain of ad hoc data requests to departments by collecting and vetting the data on a regular, quarterly basis
- The data points (or measures) will be aligned to the city-wide strategic framework to show the public how departmental efforts tie to your broader vision for the City
- This will also serve as a framework we can build upon by adding targets as those are developed through the Zero Based Budgeting process

**911STAT**

- The next quarterly 911STAT meeting with NOFD, NOPD, and NOEMS is scheduled for August 5th
- We've been working with each department to review their shift schedules and assess potential opportunities for civilianization, both of which could help reduce costs without a negative impact on services
- During this meeting we'll be discussing the areas we've identified and determining which of these areas we want to concentrate on going forward

**GAM's Schedule Next Week**

- Will be out of the office on 7/25 and 7/26 (Thursday and Friday)
- Will not be in attendance for the public safety and senior team meeting (on 7/26)